

Weekly Police Beat for the week ending August 11, 2017

Village Officer Stops Stolen Car, Four Occupants Flee on Foot, One Arrested

Officer's actions undoubtedly interrupt criminal mischief

Shortly after 2:00 a.m. today (Tuesday, August 08, 2017), Officer Drew Fones of the Chevy Chase Village Police Department spotted a car with a burned out headlight. Officer Fones attempted to stop the car on Grafton Street at Kirkside Drive, but instead of pulling over, the driver continued north on Kirkside, then headed west on Hesketh—toward the dead end of Hesketh near Wisconsin Avenue.

As soon as the car reached the end of the road, four young men jumped from the car and ran south along Wisconsin Avenue. Additional Village and County officers responded to assist, and Village Officer Willie Hearn spotted one of the suspects running on Oliver Street. Officer Hearn stopped the 17 year-old suspect.

Investigation revealed that the car had been stolen in Washington, DC on August 7. The DC tags that were originally on the car had been removed and they were replaced with a Maryland tag that is believed to have been stolen from a different location in DC.

The juvenile suspect was arrested, charged and eventually released into his mother's custody. The other 3 occupants of the car were not located.

In addition to the assistance provided by Montgomery County patrol officers and a K-9 unit, an auto theft detective responded to the scene and assisted with the investigation.

We are confident that these four young men were planning a night of crime and Officer Fones' alert actions put an end to their plans. Nice work all around.